

USDA Rural Development Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

Workshop to Assist with Writing Successful Grant Applications

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10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center
366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA

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The USDA Rural Development's Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program provides grants, loans, and loan-grant combinations specifically for providing access to education, training, and health care resources for people in rural America. The grants, which are awarded through a competitive process, may be used to fund telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies. The DLT Program funds help rural communities enjoy enhanced educational opportunities, improved health care services and greater economic development. USDA has determined the maximum FY2005 grant will be \$500,000 and the minimum \$50,000. The December 3rd Federal Register provides a funding announcement along with submission requirements. Application materials for the DLT Grant Program are available at the USDA Rural Development website at: www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm.

DLT Grant Application Deadlines: USDA Courtesy Pre-Application Review deadline is January 3, 2005. Final grant application must be postmarked by February 1, 2005 for FY2005 funding.

Rural Definition for Eligibility: Uses a rurality calculation to determine the extent to which the project serves rural areas. Must meet a minimum rurality score for the project that takes into account the population of the town for each hub or spoke site proposed. Communities of less than 20,000 in population are considered rural in the calculation.

The Workshop Will:

- Provide more detailed information on the DLT Program including types of financial assistance, how funds can be used, eligibility, key grant requirements, the application submission, scoring, and review process, etc.
- Provide specific practical assistance with how to develop and write a successful DLT grant application.
- Familiarize rural organizations interested in obtaining funding for telehealth services including funds for long distance learning and telemedicine with additional funding sources available.

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